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October 12 issue of Berlin independent Tagesspiegel carried UPI story from Bonn, citing Foreign Office source as saying that the Federal Government is at present negotiating with the three Western powers for the closing of Spandau prison. As soon as agreement has been reached with the West, story continues, the Federal Government will also take up this matter with the USSR. Soviet Ambassador to East Germany Pervukin is reported to have indicated to Western diplomats that Moscow is prepared to change its unyielding position on this subject.

Article then briefly mentions the three Spandau inmates, Speer's illness, and the fact that according to Western principles of administration of justice Speer and von Schirach would be eligible for parole after October 1. In conclusion it is stated that the costs of administering Spandau prison amount to DM 250,000 annually and are borne by the city of Berlin.

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